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Minutes 04/04/2011

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, April 4, 2011
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. Rowe, Chair, Mr. Greeley, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Mr. Dunn and Ms. LaCourt
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

1.. Organizational Meeting for the Purpose of Electing a Chairman and Vice Chairman

Marie A. Krepelka, Board Administrator

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

First order of business tonight is to have an organizational meeting for the purpose of electing a Chairman and Vice Chairman. Mrs. Krepelka asked for nominations from the Board. Mr. Greeley nominated Ms. Rowe for Chairman and Mrs. Mahon nominated Mr. Greeley for Vice Chair. Ms. LaCourt seconded Ms. Rowe and Mr. Dunn seconded Mr. Greeley. A roll call vote was taken.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The organizational meeting was dissolved and Mrs. Krepelka handed the gavel over to Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe thanked Corinne Rainville, Town Clerk, for her many years of service and wished her well in her retirement.

Mrs. Mahon announced that the month of April is Autism Awareness Month.

FOR APPROVAL

2. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)

a. Minutes of Meetings: March 28, 2011

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Mr. Dunn abstained

b. Request: Hardy School PTO Walkathon, May 13, 2011, 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Betsey Crimmins, Chair, Walkathon Committee

c. Approval: 2011 Patriots' Day Parade; Sunday, 4/17/11 @ 2:00 p.m.

Joe Marshall, Chair, Patriots' Day Parade Committee

d. Request: One Day Wine & Malt License, 5/7/11, 'King Arthur's Feast' @ Robbins Memorial

Town Hall

Diana Weisner, Arlington Enrichment Collaborative

e. APPOINTMENTS

New Election Workers

Karen Doherty, 8 Gay Street, D, Pct. 1

Marlene Ellison, 17 Mill Street, U, Pct. 6

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-

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7:15 p.m. Public Hearing

3. Request: Transfer of Common Victualler and Beer & Wine License
Arundo Thai, Inc. d/b/a Thai Moon (Pichai Chairatthanawanit)
John Leone, Esq.
Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

5. Preliminary Vision 2020 Report: 2011 Survey
Jane Howard, Co-Chair, Vision 2020
Josh Lobel

Mrs. Howard stated that Vision 2020's annual survey showed that 51.5 percent of the 4,073 responses it received were in favor of a three-year tax override and 41.3 percent supported a five-year override and 61.8 percent would vote for either option.

The Board thanked Mrs. Howard and the Vision 2020 Committee for all their hard work.

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of report

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Vote: Override Questions and Date
Clarissa Rowe, Selectman

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to put an Override before the voters on Tuesday, June 7th. The Board will take a final vote on the questions at its April 11th meeting. Mr. Greeley and Mr. Dunn both feel that one question should be on the ballot rather than two. They feel that providing one question would provide more clarity and would be easier for the voter to understand.

Mr. Greeley moved to table until the April 11th meeting.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Discussion: Future BoS Meetings
(tabled from 2/28/11 meeting)
Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule - 2011
May 9, 2011
May 23, 2011
June 13, 2011
June 27, 2011
July 18, 2011
August 22, 2011

8. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 34 Vote/Pay as You Throw (PAYT) Trash Collection Program

Ms. LaCourt moved favorable action for Resolution and asked that said Article be tabled until April 11, 2011 when we discuss the Override Question.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 35 Bylaw Amendment/Trash Removal
Ms. LaCourt moved to table until 4/11/11

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 36 Transfer of Real Estate/23 Maple Street

Ms. LaCourt moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 37 Disposition of Real Estate/23 Maple Street

Ms. LaCourt moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 38 Disposition of Real Estate/Parmenter School

Ms. Rowe moved to table until 4/11/11

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 39 Disposition of Real Estate/Crosby School

The Board voted to dispose of the Crosby School and its appurtenant land by sale, long-term lease, or otherwise.

Mr. Greeley moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 40 Vote/Crosby School Land

Ms. LaCourt moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The Board told Mr. Charles Simas, 42 Oxford Street that they are mindful of his concerns in maintaining the strip of open space and will explore securing a conservation easement or other means to prevent its development.

Article 41 Vote/Replace Brick Curb Cuts/Sidewalks/Crossings

Ms. LaCourt moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. LaCourt stated that Town Meeting action is not necessary, but the Board will work with the Commission and other parties to adopt a policy as requested by the Commission. The Board and the Commission agreed to meet on an annual basis to discuss issues affecting the Commission's areas of concern.

Article 42 Vote/Replace Brick Entrance 27 Maple Street

Ms. LaCourt moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The Board stated they will work with the Commission on Disability, the Historical Commission, the Town's ADA Coordinator, the Planning Department and the Dept. of Public Works to develop a policy for the surfacing of 27 Maple Street.

Article 58 Appropriation/Takings-Massachusetts Avenue Sidewalks

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

FINAL VOTES AND COMMENTS

Article 14 Zoning Bylaw Amendment/Affordable Housing Requirements, Definitions, Units

Article 31 Home Rule Legislation/Group Insurance Commission

Article 32 Home Rule Legislation/Group Insurance Commission Health Reimbursement

Accounts

Article 44 Amend Town Manager Act/Consolidated Town-School Human Resource Department

Article 45 Bylaw Amendment/Consolidated Town-School Human Resource Department

Article 46 Bylaw Amendment/Annual Financial Report

Article 47 Amend Town Manager Act/Budget Submissions

Article 48 Bylaw Amendment/Budget Submissions

Article 49 Create Committee for Long Term Financial Planning

Article 50 Vote/Extend Town Reorganization Committee of 2009

Article 51 Vote/Implementation of Consolidated Town-School Finance Department

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Linda Collins,
Mary Coughlin,
Joan DeLuca

Memorial in Honor of Carroll Family

Be Rec'd

185 Forest Street

Mr. Greeley asked that the Carroll Family's request be forwarded to the Public Memorial Committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that through a contract with the Mass. Dept. of Energy Resources, Sagewell, Inc. will provide information to a number of commercial and residential building owners and town-owned properties in Arlington to reduce their energy costs. This work is in accordance with Arlington's Sustainability Action Plan which was approved in October 2006 by Town Meeting, and is being supported by Sustainable Arlington and Arlington Home Energy Efficiency Team (A_HEET). The goal of the program is to help owners make their building more energy efficient and to lower heating and cooling costs.

Ms. LaCourt moved that the Board is aware of program and supports the town's participation in the Solarize Mass Pilot program if it is selected.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley stated that John Griffin, Director of the Arlington Housing Authority, will be notifying the BOS regarding the vacancy on the Arlington Housing Authority Board due to the untimely death of his brother, Brian.

Mr. Greeley asked Mrs. Krepelka to inquire of Mr. Gilligan as to the status of the hiring process for the position of Assistant Town Treasurer and if there are any viable candidates.

Mrs. Mahon asked that we have a joint meeting with the Redevelopment Board regarding several on-going projects in Town.

Mrs. Mahon stated representatives of the Town's Public Employee Committee are meeting with the Town Manager on Wednesday, April 6th, to discuss a possible health care plan.

Mrs. Mahon asked Town Manager Sullivan to inquire as to the down wires on April 1st. Mrs. Mahon feels we need a policy as to how to address this issue. She feels we should be contacting Verizon, Comcast, and RCN as to what their policy is when a customer changes cable company to have said wires removed from their home.

Dan Dunn thanked the voters and his many volunteers for their hard work in getting him elected to the Board. He would, also, like to see a joint meeting with the School Committee and Arlington Redevelopment Board before the Override election.

Ms. LaCourt stated she is also thankful to the voters and her hard working committee for understanding her reasons to run for the one year vacancy.

Ms. LaCourt thanked former Selectmen Hurd for his many years of service and also being her co-chair on the CDBG Committee. She would now like another Board member to be on that committee.

Mrs. Mahon moved that Dan Dunn be appointed to said Committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. Rowe stated she would start campaigning next week for the Override.

Ms. Rowe stated that the Farmer's Market will be starting on June 8th, 2:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and will have many new features.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Next meeting of BOS April 11, 2011

